



DESIGN REVIEW APPROVAL NOTICE

This is to inform you that on July 9, 2013, the City of Alameda approved Design Review Application No. **PLN13-0182** for an exterior change at **1530 Buena Vista Avenue**. This determination has been made following a review for consistency with the City of Alameda's Development Regulations and Guide to Residential Design.

Project Description: The project consists of window changes on the warehouse portion of the building. Four single hung windows on the second floor will be removed and three new horizontal sliding windows shall be installed.

This project is subject to the following conditions of approval, which shall be placed on the first page of the building permit plan set under a heading titled "CITY OF ALAMEDA, DESIGN REVIEW CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL":

- (1) This approval is valid for two years and will expire on July 9, 2015 unless construction has commenced under valid permits. *Please note: The approval may be extended to July 9, 2017 upon submittal of an extension request and the associated fee.*
- (2) The plans submitted for building permit and construction shall be in substantial compliance with plans prepared by Erin Beales, received on June 13, 2013 and on file in the office of the City of Alameda Community Development Department, except as modified by the conditions listed in this letter.
- (3) This approval is limited to the scope of the project defined in the project description and does not represent a recognition and/or approval of any work completed without required City permits.
- (4) Building permit plans shall incorporate the approved window schedule.
- (5) The final plans, submitted for building permit approval, shall conform to all applicable codes and guidelines.
- (6) Any additional exterior changes shall be submitted to the Community Development Department for review and approval prior to construction.
- (7) Indemnification: The applicant, or its successors in interest, shall defend (with counsel reasonably acceptable to the City), indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Alameda, the Alameda City Planning Board and their respective agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action, or proceeding against the City of Alameda, Alameda City Planning Board and their respective agents, officers or employees to attack, set aside, void or annul, any approval or related decision to this project. This indemnification shall include, but is not limited to, all damages, costs, expenses, attorney fees or expert witness fees arising out of or in connection with the project. The City shall promptly notify the applicant of any claim, action or proceeding and the City shall cooperate in such defense.

The City may elect, in its sole discretion, to participate in the defense of said claim, action, or proceeding.

Environmental Determination:

This project is a Class 1 Categorical Exemption and no additional environmental review is necessary pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 - Existing Facilities.

Findings:

- (1) The proposed design is consistent with the General Plan, Zoning Ordinance, and the City of Alameda Design Review Manual.
- (2) The proposed design is appropriate for the site, is compatible with adjacent or neighboring buildings or surroundings, and promotes harmonious transitions in scale and character in areas between different designated land uses. Installation of egress windows is part of a conversion to a conforming residential use of a commercial building in a residential zoning district.
- (3) The proposed design of the structure and exterior materials and landscaping are visually compatible with the surrounding development, and design elements have been incorporated to ensure the compatibility of the structure with the character and uses of adjacent development. The window changes are visually compatible with existing windows on this structure constructed in 1990.

Please Note - This is not a Building Permit:

This approval is for Design Review only. You must submit plans and a building permit application in addition to paying required fees in order for the project to move forward in the plan check process for issuance of a building permit. If you have completed this step, please go to the City's web site at <http://www.cityofalamedaca.gov/Business/Permit-Center> to access the ePermit Portal to check on the status of your building permit application, or contact the Permit Center at (510) 747-6800.

This Decision May Be Appealed:

This Notice of Decision is required by Alameda Municipal Code (AMC) Section 30-36.3. An appeal of this decision may be made to the Planning Board within ten (10) calendar days from the date the notice of decision is mailed. The appeal must be made in writing on a form provided by the City stating in detail the factual basis for the appeal, and filed with applicable fees at the Community Development Department, 2263 Santa Clara Ave, Room 190, Alameda, CA 94501.

Approved: Andrew Thomas, City Planner

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Laura Ajello, Planner I

Date: July 9, 2013